

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

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Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Lampard, Robert John	i	Wancourt British Cemetery	link
5 th Infantry Battalion	i	Pas de Calais	i
Private #267445	i	Plot 8 Row D Grave 2	i
Death 29 August 1918	link	Date of Burial / Exhumation	i
Attestation Papers	link	Cemetery Schematic	link
Service Record	n/a	Graves Registration Report	5
Circumstance of Death	1	Concentration of Grave	6
CEF Canada Register	2	Headstone Register	
War Diary Extract(s)		Casualty Spreadsheet	
Area Map(s)	3	Men of the 38 th Bn.	7 _{a,b,c}
Trench Map(s)	4	Grave Stone Photograph	
Possible Candidates List		Grave Stone Inscription	
Excluded Candidates List		Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Other		Reporting and Review	8

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 8 Row D Grave 19 at Wancourt British Cemetery lists an unknown Canadian Soldier of the 5th Battalion.

Research into this case has provided clear evidence that the remains are those of Private Robert John William Lampard #267445 who was on patrol on the Arras-Cambrai Road at that time.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 8 Row D Grave 19 at the Wancourt British Cemetery are those of Private Robert John William Lampard #267445. This missing 5th Battalion man stood out as they should not have been in that area. Only Private Lampard, who was on a patrol on the Arras-Cambrai Road at that time is missing and on the Vimy Memorial.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Circumstance of Death* (COD) file is very clear about what happened to Private Lampard (Attachment #1). It is reported that he was killed in action “*while with a party proceeding South West on the Arras-Cambrai Road near Cambrai, at about 9 P.M. on August 29th 1918, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of a cross country track from the Cambrai-Arras Road to the 12th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at Buck Trench, he was hit in the head and instantly killed by splinters from an enemy shell which burst on the road close to the party*”.
2. The *E-13 War Grave Register* (WGR) for Private Lampard shows that there was no record of burial and that his grave was not registered to 29 May 1920 (Attachment #2). As such, his name was added to the Vimy Memorial representing the Canadian fallen in France with no known grave.
3. The general area where the Canadian Expeditionary Force was active during “*Canada’s Hundred Days*” from August to November 1918 is depicted on the attached extract from Nicholson Map 12 (Attachment #3). The Arras-Cambrai Road is depicted in the upper right corner running through Vis-en-Artois. The remains of the 5th Battalion Private were discovered south of Vis-en-Artois in the area bounded by Cherisy, Fontaine-les-Croisilles and Upton Wood, as marked by the blue circle.
4. The specific area where the remains were found have been plotted on a period trench map from the collection of the UK National Archives (Attachment #4). The spot where the remains were discovered are marked with a red star at **51b.O.28.a.9.1**. There are no other men of the 5th Battalion missing in that area at any time on the Vimy Memorial. It was early August (*near Caix & Warvillers 66e.L.1*) or the last week in September (*near Inchy 57b.J.22*) for the closest dates. The 5th Battalion was not near the location of the remains during those periods.
5. The *Graves Registration Report Form* (GRRF) for Wancourt British Cemetery (**51b.N.24.c.2.7**) shows that Plot 8 Row D Grave 2 contains the remains of an Unknown Canadian Soldier of the 5th Battalion, which was recovered by an exhumation (Attachment #6). The form shows that he was concentrated into the cemetery with a number of men from the 38th Battalion and one from the 75th Battalion.

6. The *Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Re-burials) Burial Return* (COG-BR) tells us that the remains were exhumed from the location identified by trench map coordinates **51b.O.28.a.9.1** (Attachment #6). All of the men in graves 1 through 7 were exhumed from the same location. The location of the remains relative to the area where the 5th Battalion man was moving was previously noted on the trench map extract. There is no question that these are the remains of the single man of the 5th Battalion lost in this area and not recovered for a known burial.
7. Private Lampard was not alone when the remains were recovered. The records show that he was travelling with a party to the 12th Brigade HQ when he was hit in the head and killed instantly by an enemy shell. The COG-BR, referenced above, indicates that a group of men of the 38th Battalion were killed when a shell burst by the road 100 yards away from where they were eating supper in a "funk hole" near the 38th Battalion HQ. That provides explicit confirmation as to the location of the remains of all of the men noted in this case. Killed at that time from the 38th Battalion and all buried in the same area were: (Attachment #7)
 - i. Private Connell #157555
 - ii. Private Buckley #757023
 - iii. Private Frazer #246183
 - iv. Lance Corporal Bell #410682
 - v. Private Pearson #246777

Action Required:

The "Investigative Report" has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #8).

It is our contention that the evidence is clear that only Private Robert John William Lampard #267445 of the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Canadian Division is a candidate for the remains recovered. There are no other men of the 5th Battalion lost in this area that have no known grave and are thus recorded on the Vimy Memorial.

ATTACHMENT #1

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAMES	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
267445	Private	LAMPARD	Robert John William
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
5th Battalion	29-8-18	649-L-18452	Church of England
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>While with a party proceeding South West on the Arras-Cambrai Road near Cambrai, at about 9 P.M. on August 29th 1918, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of a cross country track from the Cambrai-Arras Road to the 12th Infantry Brigade Headquarters in Buck Trench, he was hit in the head and instantly killed by splinters from an enemy shell which burst on the road close to the party.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF TOMB AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE: Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until given to permanently located.			
12. COUNTRY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
		Grave Plot Row	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE MARKS	17. EXTENSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

ATTACHMENT #2

Form E 13
1897 6m. 215/18 D. 252

Reg. No. 267445 Rank Pte. Name LAMPARD. R. J. W. File No. R.L. 25359

Unit Sask. Regt. (5)

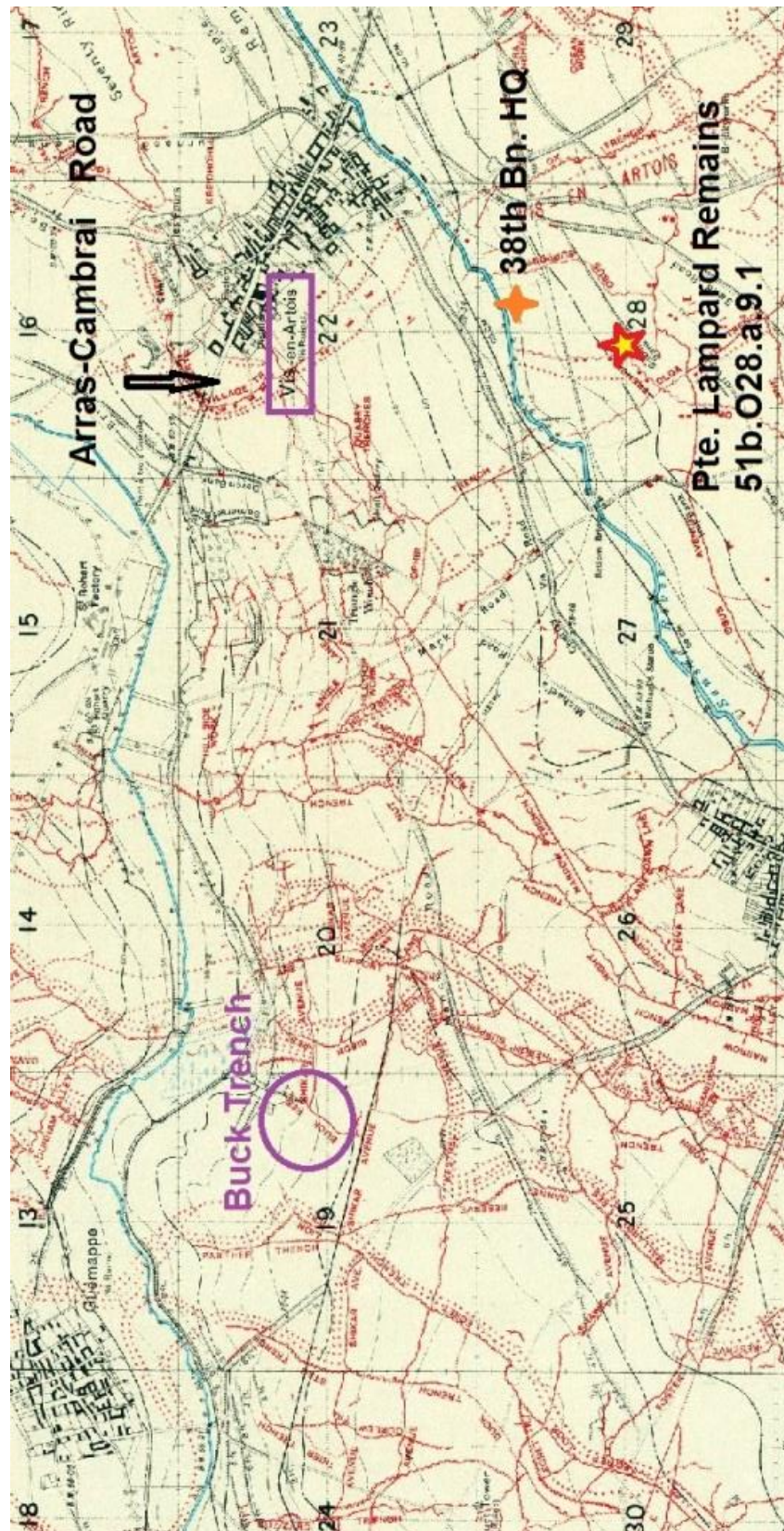
649 L 18452
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Date of Casualty	Nature and Place of Casualty	Next-of-Kin
29-8-18.	KILLED IN ACTION.	Mrs A J Lampard 26 St James Place London S.W.
Published on D.C.L.		
No. A314.		
Date 10-9-18.		

X	Unconfirmed Burial Report	Grave No.	Authority	Report of Circumstances of Casualty
	no report of burial as at 20-1-20 not registered up to 29/5/20	649 L 18452	649 L 18452	Received from Unit Date 17-9-18 Forwarded Ottawa 4/1/19 Next-of-Kin Written For A.A.G. Written Date Date
	Confirmed Burial Report	Grave No.	Authority	Burial Report Advised to Ottawa and Next-of-Kin
				Ottawa Next-of-Kin
	Revised Burial Report	Grave No.	Authority	Revised Report Advised to Ottawa and Next-of-Kin
				Ottawa Next-of-Kin

* VIMY *
MEMORIAL

Private Lampard



ATTACHMENT #5

ELA COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

No. 1 District. B/C 241. REPORT No. 13 SCHEDULE No. 7 C. *109*

COMMUNE WANCOURT.

PLACE OF BURIAL WANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY.

Map Reference 51b.N.24.c.2.7.

The following are buried here:— *Rehumations*

I.W.G.C. (Enquiries)
25 JAN 1921

DAD. GR & E.
"B" Branch,
No. 1 Area.
No. _____
DATE _____

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
PLOT 8 ROW "D".						
<i>Inf</i> 38 Canadians <i>Bn</i>	157555	CONNELL	Pte. <i>A.M.</i>	1-9-18	<i>CCM/L58/16361</i> E	Gr. 1
5 "		UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER			E	2
38 "		" "	" "		E	3
38 "	757023	BUCKLEY	Pte. E.	1-9-18	<i>CCM/L58/16259</i> E	4
38 "	246183	<i>Z</i> FRASER	Pte. E.T.	1-9-18	<i>CCM/L58/16361</i> E	5
38 "	410682	BELL	L/Cpl. C.R.	1-9-18	<i>CCM/L58/16256</i> E	6
38 "	246777	PEARSON	Pte. J.	1-9-18	<i>CCM/L58/16361</i> E	7
75 "	138265	DARBY	<i>Pte</i> Bandman. E.P.	<i>6-9-18</i> 1-9-18	<i>CCM/L58/16362</i> G.R.U.	8
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E	9
West Kents.		" "	" "		E	10
Bufs.		" "	" "		E	11
R.F.A.		" "	" "		E	12
Ox. & Bucks.		" "	" "		E	13
K.R.R.C.		" "	" "		E	14
		" "	" "		E	15

ENTERED *20321*
SLIP CHECKED *a.c. 11-3-21.*

(5 31 5) W1163-P133 45,000 10/17 HWV(P117) Forms W3372/2
144-P908 70,000 4/18

ATTACHMENT #6

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Re-burials.)

BURIAL RETURN.

20. Name of Cemetery of Re-burial WANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY. 51b.N.24.c.3.9.

Plot Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found.	Was Cross on Grave?	Regimental particulars.	Means of Identification.	Were any efforts forwarded to Base?
8	C	N.30.c.7.8.	No.	U.B.S.	Nil.	No.
	20	O.33.a.5.2.	"	do. East Yorks.	Numerals.	"
	D	O.28.a.9.1.	Yes.	15755 Pte. COMMILL, I.A.M. 38th Batt. Canadians. 1.9.18.	Cross.	"
	2	do.	No.	UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER. 5th Batt. Canadians.	Numerals.	"
	3	do.	No.	UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER. 38th Bn.		
	4	do.	Yes.	757023 Pte. BUCKLEY E. 38th Bn. Canadians. 1.9.18.	Cross.	"
	5	do.	"	246183 Pte. FRASER E.T. 38th Bn. Canadians. 1.9.18.	"	"
	6	do.	"	410682 L/Cpl. BELL, C.R. 38th Bn. Canadians. 1.9.18.	"	"
	7	do.	"	Pte. PEARSON J. 38th Bn. Canadians. 1.9.18.	"	"
	8	Q.27.d.9.9.	"	138265 Bandman DAREY E. 75th Bn. Canadians. Aug. 1918.	"	"
	9	Q.19.d.5.5.	No.	U. B. S.	Numerals.	No.
	10	Q.33.a.5.2.	"	do. West Kents.	"	"
	11	Q.33.a.4.2.	"	do. Buffs.	"	"

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ATTACHMENT #7(a)

1. NO. 410682	2. RANK OR RATING Lance Corporal	3. SURNAME BELL	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES Charles Rudolph
5. UNIT OR SHIP 38th Battalion	6. DATE OF CASUALTY 1-9-18	7. H.Q. FILE NO. 649-B-22776	8. RELIGION Baptist
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY <p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>During military operations in the vicinity of VIS-EN-ARTOIS, this non-commissioned officer was sitting in a shell hole eating his supper, when an enemy high explosive shell landed nearby, killing him instantly.</p>		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY Cambrai Road.			
NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY Wancourt British Cemetery	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION Grave 6. Plot 8. Row 20.	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

1. NO. 757023	2. RANK OR RATING Private	3. SURNAME BUCKLEY	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES Edward
5. UNIT OR SHIP 38th Battalion	6. DATE OF CASUALTY 1-9-18	7. H.Q. FILE NO. 649-B-30413	8. RELIGION Roman Catholic
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY <p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>He was sitting with a number of comrades eating supper, when an enemy shell burst about 100 yards away, a piece of which hit him on the head, killing him instantly.</p>		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY CHERISY.			
NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY Wancourt British Cemetery	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION Grave A. Plot X8. Row 80.	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

ATTACHMENT #7(b)

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
157555	Private	CONNELL	Alexander Marshall
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
38th Battalion	1-9-18	649-C-20384	Presbyterian
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>Was eating supper with a number of the members of the bugle band at Battalion Headquarters near Cherisy, when a shell landed near their bunk hole. A piece of shrapnel from the shell struck him on the left side of the head fracturing his skull and causing his instantaneous death.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Wancourt British Cemetery,	5½ miles South East of Arras, France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
138265	Private	DARBY	Ernest Page
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
75th Battalion	6-9-18	649-D-14881	Church of England
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>Was with other members of his Battalion clearing the battlefield South of the town of Dury, and while returning to the transport lines in the evening, he complained of feeling ill and started for a dressing station a short distance away. Information was later received from another Battalion that his body had been found in an abandoned dugout. He had been wounded and had apparently crawled in the dugout for shelter.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Wancourt British Cemetery,	5½ miles South East of Arras, France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

ATTACHMENT #7(c)

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
246183	Private	FRAZER	Albert Thurlow
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
38th Battalion	1-9-18	649-B-5701	Presbyterian
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>Whilst sitting in a "funk hole", together with some comrades, near Battalion Headquarters, at Vis-en-Artois, he was killed by the explosion of a shell nearby.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:-Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Wancourt British Cemetery,	5 1/4 miles South East of Arras, France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

ATTACHMENT #8

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

Procedure:	Guideline Criteria for Submission:
All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.	Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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